

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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~~DESCRIPTION~~ BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides a metallic device in light alloy, intermediate between any tripods and photographic cameras making it possible to position a crucial point of the lens, the nodal point or the focus just above the rotation point of the head of the tripod, so that the assembly including the photographic camera pivots around the focus of the lens.

Advantageously, the device is composed of three metallic plates sliding relative to each other, the first, a base part, is fixed to the head of the tripod, make it possible for the second to slide the optical axis of the lens laterally on the rotation axis of the stand, these two parts blocked, the third, carrying the photographic camera, positions the focus of the lens just above the rotation point of the head of the stand. Some marking engraved on the plates can help to accomplish these functions with a maximum of ease and efficiency.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The Figure is a schematic view of a device according to the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF AN EMBODIMENT

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As shown in the Figure, the plates have their main planes parallel to each other. The first

plate has two side rails 11, 12 mounted on the plate, forming a first groove 13 along a first direction, the first groove having a trapezoidal cross-section with the large base at the bottom of the groove. The second plate is adapted to slide in the first groove. The second plate also has two side rails 21, 22 mounted on the plate, forming a second groove 23 along a second direction transverse to the first direction, the second groove also having a trapezoidal cross-section with the large base at the bottom of the groove. The third plate is adapted to slide in the second groove. An arm 4 having a main axis perpendicular to the third plate is mounted on the third plate. A camera (not shown) can be mounted on the arm.

In the Figure, the tightening screws are shown by reference 5 and the markings are shown by reference 6.